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SUBJ: AZORES NEGOTIATIONS: WAIVER OF MAAG SUPPORT
PAYMENT (CONTRIBUTED CURRENCY REQUIREMENT)

REF: STATE 218793, DEC. 3, 1971

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PART OF QUID PACKAGE FOR RENEWAL OF AZORES AGREEMENT IN 1971 WAS WAIVER FOR TWO YEARS OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$175,000 BY GOP FOR SUPPORT OF MAAG. SEPARATE LETTER FROM SECRETARY ROGERS TO FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO OF DECEMBER 9, 1971 ADVISED GOP OF US AGREEMENT TO THIS CONDITION, AND REFTEL INDICATED LETTER SHOULD NOT BE PUBLICIZED.

2. PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON CY BASIS. MISSION RECORDS DO NOT INDICATE EXACT PERIOD FOR WHICH WAIVER WAS GRANTED, BUT IN ANY EVENT PERIOD HAS CLEARLY EXPIRED. (GOP DID NOT PAY BILL PRESENTED EARLY 1970, AND NO BILLS HAVE SINCE BEEN PRESENTED.) NONETHELESS, IN VIEW OF ONGOING AZORES NEGOTIATIONS WE PROPOSE NOT REPEAT NOT TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR PAYMENT TO GOP AT THIS TIME.

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3. AS GOP HAD NOT PAID IN 1970, WE DOUBT PORTUGUESE

CONSIDERED THIS WAIVER TO BE MUCH OF A CONCESSION.
STILL, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN BY STATE/DEFENSE
TO INCLUDING RENEWAL OF WAIVER IN RENEWED AGREEMENT
FOR US TENURE IN AZORES. AT SAME TIME STATE/DEFENSE
MAY WISH TO EXAMINE US/GOP AZORES SHIPPING AGREEMENT,
UNDER WHICH US PAYS PORTUGAL ANNUALLY ABOUT \$400,000
IN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF NON-PORTUGUESE FLAG VESSELS
IN TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIEL FOR US INSTALLATIONS IN
AZORES. AT LEAST AS A NEGOTIATING POSITION, IT SEEMS
WORTHWHILE TO SUGGEST THAT BOTH CONTRIBUTED CURRENCY
REQUIREMENT AND SHIPPING AGREEMENT BE SUSPENDED.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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